Smuggling of old idols

†3686. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that business of smuggling is increasing steeply in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that smuggling of old idols in the country is increasing rapidly;

(c) if so, whether Government are considering to take any concrete step to check the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) All field formations of the Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to detect and prevent smuggling of goods including old idols.

Tribunals for economic offences

3687. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been actively considering for adequate laws and specialised tribunals to effectively deal with economic offences;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the economic offences are not seriously considered which is posing threat to the economy of the country;

(d) if so, the concrete steps taken by Government to deal with economic offences in the country; and

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